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PREFACE.

It is earnestly hoped that the List hereby submitted to the "Buffalo Naturalists' Field Club of the B. S. N. S.," for publication, will become a permanent link in the chain of the Club's contributions to the biology of Buffalo and vicinity. The present purpose is to record the name of every bird known to occur or to have occurred in this locality.

In 1885, the writer contributed a list of the birds of Buffalo, as a part of his work as a collaborator to the Committee on Bird Migration of the American Ornithologists' Union. That list, the result of several years' study of local Ornithology, together with the contributions of interested friends and many observations made since, is embodied in the following recount. The present enumeration amounts to two hundred and thirty-three species and sub-species.

The names of no species have been admitted when the least shade of doubt existed as to the authenticity of their occurrence. In order to be authentic a bird must either have been taken and identified by competent persons, or if seen alive and not taken, must have been of such easy recognition as to exclude the slightest uncertainty regarding its determination. It is deemed desirable to adopt the order and nomenclature of the American Ornithologists' Union, as promulgated in its Code and Check-List.

On the following pages the figures in the left-hand column correspond to the numbers in the A. O. U. Check-List, while those in the right are the consecutive numbers of this list. After the generic and specific names are the numbers allotted to the bird in Ridgway's (Smithsonian) Check-List of 1880, and Coues' Check-List of 1882.

On the second line is placed the vernacular name, followed on the third by a brief description of the degree of abundance, the character of the bird's sojourn, and when the writer is (wholly or in part) unable to speak from personal experience, the name of the observer upon whose statement the bird was admitted. This statement, and the name of its enunciator, are italicized.

The writer is deeply indebted to an early teacher, and esteemed friend, the late Charles Linden, both for an exhaustive list of local birds, and for many invaluable observations. For lists, suggestions and observations thanks are due to E. M. Husted, E. M. Chamot, Eben Dorr, A. H. Alberger, Geo. E. Harris, Jas. Savage and Miss T. M. Schlegel. It is proper to emphasize a reminder, that the writer will, at all times, be pleased to learn of any errors which are found in this list and any additions that can be made to it. Correspondence with any who are interested in the Ornithology of Western New York is solicited.

W. H. B.

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 2, 1888.

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6. PODILYMBUS PODICEPS, R. 735, C. 852. 2

THICK-BILLED GREBE.

Occasional, Migrant, Niagara River—*Chas. Linden.*

7. URINATOR IMBER, R. 736, C. 840. 3

COMMON LOON.

Tolerably common, Winter visitor, Lake Erie and Niagara River.

11. URINATOR LUMME, R. 740, R. 844. 4

RED-THROATED DIVER.

Rare, Winter visitor, Lake Erie and Niagara River—*Otto Besser.*

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SKUA.

One shot on Niagara River during Spring of 1886—*Chas. Linden.*

40. RISSA TRIDACTYLA, R. 658, C. 782. 6

KITTIWAKE GULL.

Tolerably common, Migrant, Lake Erie and Niagara River.

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ICE GULL.

Rare, Winter visitor, Niagara River—*Chas. Linden.*

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